

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Business Meeting Minutes

of

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keese at 10:05 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Boyd.

William J. Keese	Present
Arthur Rosenfeld	Present
James D. Boyd	Present
John L. Geesman	Present
B. B. Blevins	Present

1. CONSENT CALENDAR. (Items on the Consent Calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A Commissioner may request that an item be discussed and moved to later on the agenda).
 - a. COMMISSION CO-SPONSORSHIP. Possible approval of a co-sponsorship request for which the Energy Commission might provide the use of its name, key-note speaker, presenters for conference session and planning.
Contact: Avtar Bining, (916) 657-2002.
 - Advanced Stationary Reciprocating Engine RD&D: Opportunities for ARES-ARICE Collaboration, April 13-15, 2004, Holiday Inn, Downtown Plaza, Sacramento, California.
 - b. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, NATIONAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY. Possible approval of Contract 500-02-025 Amendment 1, to provide a no-cost time extension to demonstrate an Advanced Vortex Combustor that produces 3 ppmv or less NOx emissions without after treatment.
 - c. XENERGY INC. Possible approval of Contract 300-00-004 Amendment 2, for a no-cost extension which extends the terms of the contract from June 30, 2004 to December 31, 2004.
 - d. GAS RESEARCH INSTITUTE. Possible approval of Contract 700-00-002 Amendment 1, for a no-cost time extension to develop particulate matter test methods for stationary combustion sources, with additional time, from March 31, 2004 to December 31, 2004, for field tests, to complete quality reports and provide time for extensive reviews.
 - e. MUNIFINANCIAL. Possible approval of Contract 400-03-007 for \$17,385 to provide rebate arbitrage compliance services for the \$28 million Energy Efficiency Master Trust Revenue Bond Series 2003A. (ECAA Bond funded)

Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval of the Consent Calendar. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

2. TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S WALNUT ENERGY CENTER (WEC). Commission consideration and possible adoption of the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision recommending approval of the Application for Certification for the 250-megawatt Walnut Energy Center proposed by the Turlock Irrigation District (Docket No. 02-AFC-4).

Commissioner Boyd moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of the PMPD and granting of a certificate for Turlock Irrigation District's WEC. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

3. AGRICULTURAL BIOMASS TO ENERGY PROGRAM. Consideration and possible approval of the proposed guidelines (P500-03-102D2) for the Agricultural Biomass to Energy Program pursuant to Senate Bill 704 (SB 704, Florez, Chapter 480, Statutes of 2003).

Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval of the guidelines for the Agricultural Biomass to Energy Program. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

4. ENERGY CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE ACT ACCOUNT BOND FUND Possible approval of a loan to the Town of Los Altos Hills for \$160,000 to install 30 kW photovoltaic solar panels, lighting controls, solar lighting tubes, higher efficiency HVAC units and upgraded envelope features at their new Town Hall building. In addition, the Town of Los Altos Hills will install new LED traffic lights. The project is estimated to save \$16,000 per year and has a payback of 10 years. (ECAA Bond funded)

Commissioner Blevins moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of the loan to the Town of Los Altos Hills. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

5. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY – LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY. Possible approval of Contract 500-03-024 for \$2,955,000 to develop tools and techniques using microgrid strategies for integrating into the system of distributed energy technologies into the system while supporting transmission reliability. (PIER funded)

Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of Contract 500-03-024. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

6. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY-LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY. Possible approval of a Contract 500-03-026 for \$7,999,970 to establish a multi-institutional Demand Response Research Center. The center will develop, prioritize, conduct and disseminate demand response research over three years. (PIER funded)

Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of

Contract 500-03-026. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

7. Minutes

Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of minutes from the February 4, 2004 business meeting, with minor changes. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

8. Commission Committee and Oversight

Chairman Keese noted there would be a preliminary discussion on the Committee Structure in the third floor conference room, directly after the public comment.

9. Chief Counsel's Report

Chief Counsel Bill Chamberlain reported that the Commission has made available the Report that responds to Executive Order S-2-03 by re-assessing the impacts on California businesses of the regulations adopted by the Commission within the last six years.

10. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Bob Therkelsen informed the Commissioners that he had attended the Senate Budget Hearing last week and discussed the IEPR, the recently-adopted residential clothes washer standards, and other matters. Mr. Therkelsen also described the Performance Reviews instituted by the Governor's Office.

11. Public Adviser's Report

Public Adviser Margret Kim informed the Commission about upcoming events, including a workshop on Renewables and a workshop on PIER Environmental matters.

12. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

BETTY A. McCANN
Secretary to the Commission